

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

No claims are currently being added or cancelled.

This amendment and reply amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-3, 7-9 and 19-23 are pending in this application for examination on the merits, whereby claims 4-6 and 10-18 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim Rejections – Indefiniteness:

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 7-9 and 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite, for the reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 19-23 have been amended to address the “indefiniteness” issues raised on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, whereby presently pending claims 1-3, 7-9 and 19-23 are believed to fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Note also the addition of the word “as” near the end of claims 21 and 22, to put the phrase at the end of those claims in better grammatical form without affecting the scope of those claims. Note further the addition of the word “that” near the end of claim 2 to put that claim in better grammatical form without affecting the scope of that claim.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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